37th Annual Report

Young Men's Christian Association

of Montreal.

1887-88

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is divided into Two classes:

Active—A member of an Evangelical Church.

Associate—Over 14 years of age. Good moral character.

Active and Associate, annually in advance, - - -	$2.00
Full Ticket, including Evening Classes and Lectures,	5.00
Boys' Ticket, - - - - - - - - - - - - -	1.00
Life Member's Ticket, - - - - - - - - - -	100.00

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OF MONTREAL.

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ANNUAL REPORT

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The thirty-seventh year of the history of this Association has had the manifest approval and blessing of God. The full interpretation of this progressive work for young men has been hindered by the limited capacity of our present building; but all the departments undertaken have been crowded, and the results secured call for increased facilities and equipment.

The general policy of the past year has been—first, the education and development of the younger men and their direction in lines of Christian work, and second, the influencing towards the Christian life of our associate members. The reports as presented will present a steady advance in every department.

EDUCATIONAL.

The Libraries and Reading Room have been taxed to their utmost capacity; showing an average daily attendance of 475. This represents 142,900 visits by young men during the year. To direct rightly the reading habits of a young man is, in the majority of cases, to save him from ruin. This department needs an endowment of at least $5,000. After carefully observing the results from our limited Library, we do not know of any place where money could be invested as wisely. The Circulating Library contains 2802 volumes, has had 659 readers, and an issue of 6603 books.

The Evening Classes are carried on under many disadvantages; still the seven weekly Classes enrolled 371 members. This branch appeals to all as one of the best methods to help young men to help themselves. The old system of apprenticeship once so beneficial, is now practically unknown: a young man was bound for four or five years, and besides teaching him the business in all its branches, his master had some care over the habits and life of the apprentice. One of the evil results of the present system is seen from the fact that out of 1160 convicts in one

Penitentiary, only 136 had any trade or served an apprenticeship. This department should be thoroughly equipped. It affords an opportunity for commercial and mechanical training which will secure for them early promotion and open the way for further advancement.

PHYSICAL.

Without a Gymnasium, and without suitable Recreation Grounds but little progress can be made in this department. A Lacrosse club "practised" three mornings weekly during the summer. The "Excelsior Snow Shoe Club" was composed of members who made weekly "tramps" over the mountain to the room in the Athletic Club House. The Junior Snow Shoe Club held their tramps on Saturday afternoons. Through affiliation with Mr. Barnjum's Gymnasium, a number of the members entered his classes for physical culture.

The Employment Bureau had 655 applications for employment, and secured 185 situations.

We have again and again protested against several of the Societies who send out men penniless, and not having a trade or any definite line of work they are helpless. We have to decline assistance in the great majority of these cases. In this connection there is the greatest necessity for some cheap Temperance Lodging and Eating House where young men working for low wages could be accommodated.

Other Associations are securing athletic grounds for recreation. As the city extends, this becomes more difficult and almost impossible. It is therefore a question which should receive the attention of the directors.

SOCIAL.

The social element has increased. The Building has become more popular and attractive as a place of resort, apart from meetings or business. The Reception Committee has greatly aided in promoting sociability amongst the members and the committeemen of all departments.

The New Year's Reception drew 800 young men to the building.

The Members' Monthly Meeting has had an average attendance of 175—ladies from the various Churches rendering invaluable aid.

The "Strangers' Tea" has been a new feature, commenced the first Sunday in March. As a means of introducing strangers in the city to the Association, and afterwards to the Churches, it will be a valuable adjunct to the work.

Mrs. E. H. Botterell very kindly gave her home for a Parlor Concert on Feb. 16th, secured the programme, and as a result netted over $100 used in Parlor furnishings. She has the thanks of the Association for her interest in this work.

In this department on one evening each week there should be planned an informal Social Hour,—the time being spent in song and conversation. making it the place of introduction between each new member and the Reception Committee. This would become popular, and of practical value. Let it be tried.

THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

has made the most marked progress. On account of limited accommodation the work has been confined to the Friday evening and a Monday evening Training Class. The average attendance Friday evenings has been 100, and 40 or 50 are Christian lads. The Cote St. Antoine Branch has been firmly established. The leaders command the love and confidence of the boys, and are rendering them important help by unconscious influence through personal contact. The future leaders of the Association are being trained here.

For the next fall and winter another Branch should be established in the northern part of the city. The boy's section in the Library should be increased, and a wisely planned course of Practical Talks upon commercial and mechanical subjects should be carried out.

We may be in some measure responsible for the impression which is abroad that the Association work is wholly on behalf of the stranger class of young men, and for the rescue of the fallen. That is certainly a work which it delights to do ; but its chief efforts should always be directed on the line of "prevention." Not only does it reach after the stranger young man, but it is a mission to the GOOD BOYS in our homes, offering the best safeguard to the many temptations which appeal to them, and showing the brighter and better way to a healthy, manly, Christian character. Let this department receive the best consideration from the directors.

THE RELIGIOUS WORK

is the chief department. In fact we hesitate to make the distinction between the secular and the religious ; because every branch is carried on in order that we may win young men to the loyal allegiance of our Master, Jesus Christ. The testimony of facts prove that by means of the Employment Bureau, the Temperance Pledge, the Boarding House Register, the Libraries, the Training Classes, the Practical Talks, the Invitation and Reception work, young men have been led to make the surrender of their lives to Christ.

A staff of one hundred and forty-seven young men have served on the various committees. The Young Men's Meeting has obtained an average of 95, higher than any previous year ; the Bible Study Class for beginners on Sunday morning has had an average attendance of 35 ; the Young Men's Evangelistic Bible Class has increased its average from 59 last year to 85 this year. Two Training Classes for Christian workers have been conducted from October to April. We have held in this building 603 religious meetings, with an attendance of 21,884 young men.

A marked advance is noted in the line of Bible Study, and the result is seen in a stronger and more intelligent staff of workers.

The Associate members have claimed our first attention; through a corresponding member in each Church they have been introduced to the Church and Sunday School immediately on

joining the Association, and through a band of workers a large number have received a personal call, inviting them to attend the Young Men's Meetings or Bible Classes. The results of this work warrants its continuance in a more thorough and systematic manner. Enquirers at the various meetings have been promptly introduced to the Pastors of Churches they attended or preferred.

The Hospital service has been regularly carried on by faithful workers.

The Militia Camp was stationed at Granby last July for 12 days. The "Association Tent" with its equipment is now a recognized part of the Camp. The nightly services were crowded, and 87 of the men made personal inquiry as to spiritual life.

The distribution of tracts amongst the seamen on Sunday mornings was continued during the season. Also three meetings were held weekly for seamen at the Institute.

The present need is a larger staff of consecrated, intelligent workers, who are all-the-year-round men. We have many ; but the work calls for more. The Young Men's Meeting and Bible Classes offer one of the best fields in the city for personal work, and those who are willing patiently to follow up the cases of young men, one by one, until they are brought out into the liberty of the Christian life, can here find a most happy and useful sphere, and lay up a rich foundation against the time to come.

The Board should provide for a series of Evangelistic meetings for young men to be held in September or October of each year. Let this be a regular opening of the Fall work.

We report with pleasure, that MR. J. P. EDWARDS, a former member, whose conversion occurred here, and his early training in Christian work, enters the Springfield School for training as a Secretary in September. MR. W. T. HART, formerly a member here, enters the Chicago Association as office Secretary. In the past 12 years the roll has now grown to 28 young men, (besides those left at home,) who have through this Association gone out

into active Christian work,—either as pastors of churches, evangelists, or secretaries of Associations. May the number be doubled in the next 12 years, of those who will be thrust out into the great harvest field—for winning the young men of this land for Christ.

A new departure is the sending of MR. ARTHUR BEALL, B.A., of Queen's College, Kingston, as a Missionary Teacher to Japan. He may possibly be joined by a second man, to be sent out this year under the auspices of the Association. Let our continued prayers follow these brethren in this work.

MR. W. H. STEVENS, for more than two years Assistant Secretary, resigned to accept the Secretaryship of the Peterboro' Association, where he is doing a good work. His place has been filled by MR. D. W. CORBETT, called into Christian life through this Association during the past year, and who is rapidly developing into a most efficient worker.

MR. T. DUNCAN PATTON, Chairman of our Invitation Committee has entered the office as Librarian and Assistant Secretary.

Mr. HAROLD W. BUCHANAN, for ten years chairman of the Boys' work, was called to the position of Assistant Secretary in the New York Association.

The Association heartily responded to the call of the union committee of Pastors, and rendered every possible assistance at the Moody meetings. The result of the fortnight services in October was a great blessing to the Christian life of the city, and especially to the young men.

NEW BUILDING SITE.

We have to record two events in the history of the Association: *First:*—The purchase of the incorporated rights of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, Canada Sunday School Union, and Religious Tract Society, for the sum of $12,000, and one-fifth of any amount above $60,000 for which the building may be sold. *Second:*—For three years past the Directors have been searching for a future building site. Every effort seemed fruitless until the

Moody Meetings in the Crystal rink, when they were providentially directed to that central position. On May 4th the deed was signed, and the first payment of $5000 made, so that this magnificent site is now the property of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Montreal. With the good hand of our God upon us in further blessings we shall hope to enter the new building, dedicated to the best interests of the young men of the metropolis of the Dominion, not later than May 1st, 1890.

Every room in our present building will live in our memories. It has been hallowed as a spot where thousands of lives have met Jesus, the young man of Nazareth, and by his power have been changed from bondage into liberty, and from darkness into light. Let us not forget to do honor to the friends,—the foremost among whom was Mr. T. James Claxton,—whose faith prompted them to erect this beautiful building, and who have had such a good return in the results of the past 14 years.

Doubtless some of our friends who may not be fully informed as to the progress of the Young Men's Christian Association work on this continent are criticizing the wisdom of this movement; but facts prove that such is the adaptability of our work to the present needs of young men, that three or four such buildings in every city could be successfully manned to the best interests of the Church and the community. Let these figures be considered: one hundred and twenty-five Associations now own buildings in value amounting to $6,500,000, and the property is increasing at the rate of $1,000,000 each year; some cities having four or five branch buildings in addition to the central. Since January, 1887, new buildings have been dedicated as follows: Toronto, $90,000; Indianapolis, $80,000: Albany, $100,000; Detroit, $125,000; St. Joseph, Miss., $100,000; Worcester, Mass., $140,000; Atlanta, Ga., $80,000; New Britain, Conn., $50,000; Wichita, Kan., $50,000; Rockford, Ill., $30,000; Norfolk, Va., $30,000; Nashville, Tenn., $75,000; Burlington, Vt., $40,000. Buildings are now in course of erection, or the work about to begin: at Ottawa, $25,000; Morristown, N. J., $20,000; Utica,

N.Y., $80,000; Los Angelos, Cal., $75,000; Pascenda, $60,000; San Diago, $75,000; Riverside, $25,000; Omaha, Neb., $100,000; Kansas City, $100,000; Denver, Col., $120,000; St. Paul, Minn., $150,000; Minneapolis, Minn., $125,000; Providence, R. I., $150,000; Cleveland, $130,000. There are, in addition, over 100 other building enterprises in course of development. These subscription lists show that sums varying from $1000 to $250,000 have been given by single individuals, men who are broad in their sympathies, strong supporters of their Church, and who realize in this cause an opportunity for an investment which must yield a large return in the immediate future,—a return which must strengthen and increase every phase of Christian and philanthropic work. Christian men are giving these amounts because they see that the Associations are used by God in combating the evils which crowd around city life. In fact the burning question of to-day, political as well as moral, is the future of these great cities, and how to counteract the thousands of places of evil resort which absorb the time and the money of the young men. The facts are appalling. This goodly land is strewn with wrecks, both of the bodies and souls of the fairest of its young men, who might have been saved to their homes, the Church and the world, had they but formed the right associates between the ages of 16 and 21.

Who, then, of Montreal's liberal hearted, practical, Christian men and women will come forward, and according to their ability, share in placing on Dominion square, a building erected free from debt, thoroughly furnished for the present and future requirements of the work. Before the close of 1889 we shall be disappointed if the amount required is not fully subscribed. In Cleveland, one citizen headed the list with $25,000, on condition that the balance required was subscribed within six months. The board will be glad to receive any of that description!

SOME STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

		TOTAL.
430	New members joined the Association during the year. 118 were active, 312 associate.	
	The total membership at close of year is	1,259
192	Evening Educational classes, with an average attendance of 24	4,608
313	Week days the building was open, with an average daily attendance (not including meetings) of 471	147,423
655	Applications for employment. Number of situations secured	185
12	Social Receptions for members, with an average attendance of 180	2,160
659	Members have been regular readers in the Library. Number of books circulated	6,603
300	Noon meetings were held, with an average attendance of 12	3,600
32	Young Men's Meetings (Saturday evening) were held, with an average attendance of 95	4,940
40	Young Men's Meetings (Sunday evening) were held, with an average attendance of 50	2,000
52	Young Men's Bible Classes (Sunday Morning) were held, with an average attendance of 35	1,820
52	Young Men's Bible Classes (Sunday afternoon) were held, with an average attendance of 85	4,420
52	Boy's meetings were held, (Friday evening) with an average attendance of 86	4,472
26	Worker's Training Classes (senior) were held, with an average attendance of 10	260
19	Worker's Training Classes (junior) were held, with an average attendance of 8	152
10	Stranger's Teas held, (Sunday evenings) with an average attendance of 30	300
	Young men invited to pastors, about	250
	Signatures to Temperance Pledge	299
	Religious meetings of all kinds, attendance aggregating	21,884

D. A. BUDGE,
Secretary.

REPORTS

OF THE

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FINANCE.

The work of your Committee has been aided by the liberal and hearty response on the part of merchants and citizens. As the work is better understood it becomes more appreciated. The careful canvass of each district calls for much time in the busiest part of the day; but this has been cheerfully given by the members of the Committee. The work demands a larger number of collectors, and additional members should be secured. The contributors will please accept the thanks of the Finance Committee. Mr. Arthur G. Olive has carefully supervised the book-keeping during the year. The Association is indebted to him for this service. Messrs. George Creak and J. B. Picken have made a careful audit of the accounts, for which the thanks of the Association is tendered.

WARDEN KING,
Chairman.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CURRENT EXPENSES

for the year ending April 30th, 1888.

Anderson, Robert	$ 50
Ayer A. A., & Co	25
Angus, R. B	25
Ames, Holden & Co	25
Alexander, C., & Son	15
Atkinson, M. B	10
Allan, F. B	10
Allan, John	5
Allan, A	5
Aitken, Mrs	5
Angus, Wm	5
Anderson, Charles H	5
Ault, Dr	5
Armstrong, Geo	5
Alloway, Dr	3
Allen, J	2
Bancroft, James	100
Belding, Paul & Co	25
Bell, Samuel	25
Birks, Hy., & Co	$ 25
Barrett, Dr. and Mrs	25
Brainerd, T. C	25
Bulmer, H., Jr., & Co	20
Bazin, Dr. J. A	15
Brown, W. Godbee	15
Bell, J. & T	10
Brown, Jonathan	10
Buchanan, W. O	10
Buchanan, R. H	10
Brown, William	10
Bates, John S	10
Bentley, D	10
Brodie & Harvie	10
Beckett, R. A	5
Bremner, A	5
Brush, Geo. S	5
Baylis Manf'g. Co	5
Botterell, E. H	5
Black & Locke	5

Baile, A	$ 5
Boulter, Geo	5
Brayley, J. W.	5
Brown, Thos. B	5
Baylis, James	5
Beckham, H	5
Briggs, W. M	5
Blackwell, K. W.	5
Brophy, Cains & Co	5
Birks, H	5
Brown, James	5
Benny, R	5
Bolton, R	5
Brown, Dr	5
Bizzey, J. E	5
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Brissette, M. H	3
Beall, Ross & Co.	3
Boyd, R. E., & Co	3
Blackadder, Dr	3
Barrington, Mrs. Thos	1
Barrett, Robt	1
Cushing, Chas	50
Crathern & Caverhill	25
Canada Paper Co.	25
Cooper, Fairman & Co.	25
Clerk, Alex	25
Campbell, Mrs. G. W	25
Cantlie, Ewan & Son	25
Carnegie, J. H.	20
Carsley, S	20
Corristine, J	10
Cheney, G	10
Crombie, A. M	10
Crawford, Jno	10
Cochrane, Cassels & Co	10
Clendinneng, W., & Son	10
Campbell, Kenneth	10
Creak, George	10
Cushing, Mrs	10
Cameron, H	5
Childs, Geo	5
Cridiford, John	5
Connall, R. N. C.	5
Campbell, G. A.	5
Cummings, A. C	5
Cooper, Wm	5
Canada Jute Co	5
Cheney, W. G	5
Caverhill & Hughes	5
Cushing, Thos	5
Craig, A	5
Castle & Son	5
Currie, W. F. P	5
Campbell, David	5
Cowan, John	5
Christmas, T. H	5
Cleghorn, J. P	5
Cayford, J. H	5
Cash	5
Campbell, Dr. F. W	5
Covernton, C. J.	3
Cash	2
Davis, C. W	$ 50
Drysdale, W	25
Duff, J. M. M	10
Dun, Wiman & Co.	10
Dnncan, John	10
Drummond, McCall & Co	10
Dickson, Mrs	10
Drake, Walter	10
Dolittle, H	6
Dawson, T. J	5
Drummond, G. A	5
Davidson, Thos., & Co	5
Davis, M	5
Donahue, W	5
Dagg, Wm	5
Donald, J. T	5
Davis, B. T	5
Date, John	5
Douglas, A	5
Dawson, W. Bell	5
Drysdale, David	4
Dyer, John	2
Eveleigh, Mrs. J., (Special)	20
Esplin, G. & J	15
Evans, R	10
Evans, F. W	10
Eveleigh, J., & Co	5
Ewing, S. H. & A. S.	5
Ecroyd, Thos	5
Euard, Wm	5
Ewan, W., & Son	5
Elliot, James	5
Evans, Wm	5
Edgar, Wm	5
Evans, J. S	2
Fraser, Mrs. Dr	25
Friend, (J. A. M.)	10
Forsyth, R	10
Featherstone, A. M.	10
Fisher & Co	10
Francis, W	5
Forman, J	5
Fairbanks, Rufus	5
Forde, Thos	5
Fraser, Donald	5
Fowler, James	5
Fisk, H. J., & Co	5
Fraser, A. B.	2
Friend	1
Greene, G. A	50
Greene, E. K.	50
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Grier, G. A.	15
Gnaedinger, W. E	10
Goodyear Rubber Co	10
Gilbert, E. E	10
Glassford Bros. & Pollock	10
Grafton, F. E., & Sons	10

Griffith, H	$ 5
Gurd, Chas	5
Gurney, E. & C	5
Glover, T	5
Graffty, W. K	5
Garth & Co	5
Gardner, W. S	5
Gault, Mrs. M. H	5
Grier, J. B	5
Grindley, R. R	5
Grose, W	5
Godfrey, Dr	5
Gould, Ira, & Sons	5
Gordon	3
Godfrey, C. H	2
Hague, George	250
Holland, R. H	50
Henderson, R	25
Hodgson Bros	20
Hodgson, Jonathan	20
Hodgson, Arthur	10
Hanson, Wm	10
Hyde, George	10
Hughes & Stephenson	10
Holden, J. C	10
Hodgson, Arthur	10
Hiam, Thomas	10
Henderson Lumber Co	10
Hetherington, J. S	10
Heney, E. N	5
Henderson, Wm	5
Holland, C. C	5
Hilton, J. H	5
Hutchinson, M	5
Hanson, Wm	5
Hopper, R. T	5
Hill, J. W	5
Hanson Bros	5
Heward, S. B	5
Howard, Dr	5
Ives, H. R	10
Irwin, Mrs	10
Irish, D. T	10
Irwin, Robt	5
Johnson, James, & Co	25
Jamieson, R. C., & Co	25
Jacques, G. E., & Co	25
Jones, J. H., & Co	5
Jodrey, F. E	5
Jeffrey, Alex	5
Joyce, A	5
Judge, Edgar	3
King, Warden	200
Kingman, Abner	150
Kilgour, J. W	50
Kelley, Dr. F. W	10
Kyle, Cheeseborough & Co	10
Kennedy, John	10
King, James C	10
Kemp, Geo	5
King, William, & Co	$ 5
Kerr, Robt	5
Kinghorn, G. M	5
Kinloch, W. G	3
Kennedy, W	3
Lightbound, Ralston & Co	25
Lawrence, W. V	25
Lockerby Bros	10
Learmont, J. B	10
Linton, J., & Co	10
Lyman Sons & Co	10
Leeming, Thos., & Co	10
Lamb, George	10
Larmonth, Jno., & Co	10
Lowden, Mrs. J. R	10
Lusher, Ed	5
Lundie. G. W	5
Laurie, Jno., & Bro	5
Laing, M., & Son	5
Leslie, A. C	5
Louson, John	5
Liggett & Hamilton	5
Lowden, J. R	5
Lamb, Thos	4
Leslie, James	3
Liffiton & Chandler	2
Murphy, John	50
Mackay Bros	25
Mills & Hutchinson	25
Molson Bank	25
Moore, James	25
Merchants Bank	25
Morrice, D., & Co	25
Mackedie, J. W., & Co	10
Moss, G. W	10
Morton, H	10
Mudge, H. J	10
Murray, Alex	10
Miller, Sons, & Co	10
Muir, W., & Son	10
Morton, Chas., & Co.	10
Meldrum Bros	5
Miller Bros. & Mitchell	5
Marling, J. W	5
Munderloh, W. C	5
Mudge, E. W	5
May, Thos., & Co	5
Muir, James	5
Miller, Mrs. W	5
Major Manf'g. Co	5
Macaulay, R	5
Mooney, G. A., & Co	5
Miller, John	5
Masterman, A. S., & Co.	5
Munro, H	5
Masterman, W	4
Marler, W. de M	2
Molson, Dr	1
McLennan, Hugh	50
McMaster, Capt. J. A	50
McFarlane, Austin & Robertson	20
McNiece, Douglas & Co	10

McLaren, D. K	$ 10
McBride, James	10
McDougall, Alec	10
McConkey, T. L	10
McLaren, W. D	5
McArthur, Alex	5
McMaster, Wm	5
McPherson, D. A	5
McLeod & Shotton	5
McMaster, Wm	5
McFarlane & Patterson	5
McCallum, Dr	5
McGowan, Jas	5
McBride, Harris & Co	5
McPherson, A	5
McCallum, R. N	3
McDonald, D. C	2
McCallum, J. M	2
Nelson, H. A., & Son	50
Notman, W., & Son	10
Newman, F. W., & Co	5
Nolan, W. H	5
Nicholson, R., & Co	5
Nicholson, Peter	5
Ogilvie, A. W., & Co	10
O Flaherty, J	5
Outram, G., & Son	5
Orkney, Miss	5
Packard, L. H	50
Phillips, Mrs	20
Putnam, H. L	25
Patterson, Kissock & Co	25
Picken, H. B	20
Parker, Moses	10
Picken, J. B	10
Palmer, John	10
Patterson, J. M	10
Paton, Hugh	10
Paul, Walter	10
Parker, A. M	5
Peck, Thos	5
Patton, Thomas	5
Parsons, R	5
Peel, Alex	5
Phillips, C. S. J	5
Parsons, S. R	5
Prowse, G R	5
Peel, T. W	5
Popham, John	5
Payne, F. G	5
Palmer, W. C	5
Phelps, Geo. T	5
Peard, J. A	2
Ross, D. W	100
Radford Bros	25
Reford, R., & Co	25
Robertson, Fleet & Falconer	15
Reed, G. W	10
Ransom, Forbes & Co	10
Robertson, Linton & Co	10
Rankin, Beattie & Co	$ 10
Rattray, J., & Co	10
Richardson, James	10
Rogers, George	10
Rea, David, jr	10
Reid, Capt., A	10
Robertson, Alec	10
Robertson, James	5
Ramsay, A., & Son	5
Ross, James	5
Ross, W. R., & Co	5
Richards, Joseph	5
Robertson & Co	5
Rutherford, D	5
Robinson, J. Theo	5
Rielle, Joseph	5
R. G. R	5
R. J. H	5
Ross, R. B	5
Roberts, Geo	5
Ross, Dr	5
Roddick, Dr	5
Ralston, P., & Son	5
Rosevear, W. H	5
Rodger, Dr	3
Ross, James	3
R. W	2
Smith, J. Murray	50
Smith, Sir Donald A	50
Scholes, F	20
Savage, A., & Son	20
Slater, Geo. T	10
Stephen, Sir Geo	10
Stafford, Frank, & Co	10
Sadler, Geo. W	10
Sims, A. H., & Co	10
Shorey, J. H., & Co	10
Shaw Bros. & Cassils	10
Shearer, James	10
Sumner, George	5
Simpson & Peel	5
Smith, G. F. C	5
Strachan, W. S	5
Scott, W., & Son	5
Stirling, John	5
Sheppard, C	5
Spencer, H. T	5
Stephenson, J. A., & Co	5
Shearer, John S	5
Scott, J. H	5
Sloan, Wm	5
Strong, Samuel	5
Smith, Alex	5
Smith, John A	5
Small & Co., E. A	5
Sanders, H	5
Stancliffe, F	5
Stevenson & Blackadder	5
Seale & Son	2
Smith, F. B	2
Tees, Wilson & Co	15
Tees, W	25

Torrance, D., & Co	$ 25
Taylor, Andrew T	20
Thompson & Co	20
Thompson, M	10
Tester, J. W	10
Tate, G. H	10
Thompson, Alec	10
Tandy, T	10
Turner, Rose & Co	10
Tooke, R. J	5
Tough, J	5
Thompson, B. & S. H	5
Turnbull, J	5
Ulley, J. J	1
Vipond, George	10
Vallance, H	2
Withall, Wm	10
Whitley Bros	20
Wilson, H. O	25
Wilson, Patterson & Co	15
Ward, J. K	10
Wightman, A. R	10
Watson, John C	$ 10
Watson, D	10
White, W. C	5
Wylie, J. S	5
White, R	5
Willis & Co	5
Wilson, R. C	5
Waugh, W	5
Walker, J., & Co	5
Weir, R., & Son	5
Whitham, James	5
Watson, Hugh	5
Wilson, James	5
Williamson, James	5
Watt, Alec	5
Wait, George	5
Wilkins, Dr	5
Walker, H	5
Wallace, H	3
Weir, R. S	2.50
Wulff, J. F	2
Warren, W. H.	2
White, Robt	2
Whitney, Wm	1
Yuile, W., & D	100

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th 1888.

RECEIPTS.

To Subscriptions		$5,955 50	
" Membership Fees		1,650 00	
" Library account: Received for Fines, etc.		11 30	
" Reading Room account: Magazines, etc., sold		57 05	
" Benevolent account:			
Collections and Donations	$63 23		
Loans returned	12 25		
		75 48	
" Rent		1,487 00	
" Collection at Anniversary		106 64	
" Discount on accounts paid		19 35	
			$9,362 32
" Due to Sundries			*48 16
			$9,410 48

*To meet this deficit $53 was collected at the Annual Meeting.

JAPANESE MISSION ACCOUNT.

To Amount on hand—Collection for Japanese Mission. $359 38

Examined and found correct.

GEO. CREAK. } *Auditors.*
J. B. PICKEN. }

August, 1888.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Association Debt, May 1st, 1887			$819 68
" Current Expenses:			
Salaries	$3,962 07		
Gas and Fuel	771 88		
Travelling Expenses	29 75		
Stationery	80 94		
Advertising	59 60		
Printing	426 75		
Postage	159 16		
Cleaning	89 70		
Repairs and Renewals	529 52		
Gen. Exp. (including Telephone)	267 66		
		$6,377 03	
" Library account: New Books, etc.		209 74	
" Reading Room acct., Mags. and Periodicals		230 02	
" Religious Literature, Tracts, etc.		53 27	
" "*Record*" account, Postage		39 75	
" Social and Reception account		227 85	
" Expenses of New Year's Reception		26 61	
" Furniture account		200 95	
" Benevolent Fund, Sundries	$52 56		
"Loans"	67 25		
		119 81	
" Educational Work, Teachers, etc.		536 44	
" Rates and Assessments		150 75	
" Insurance		244 65	
" Military Camp Expenses		27 65	
" Expenses of Anniversary		23 11	
" Provincial Work		100 00	
" Interest on Bank Overdraft		23 17	
			$8,590 80
			$9,410 48

ROOMS AND LIBRARY.

The labors of the Committee have not been so arduous as in some former years, owing largely to the very efficient librarian, assistant secretary, and caretaker.

A "condenser" was added to our heating boiler, which has largely increased the amount of heat furnished.

New chairs were purchased for the use of meetings, and some new furniture has been added to the parlor, and some games have been placed therein for the use of members and their friends. The parlor is now open at all times for a quiet chat or game of chess or draughts, or an hour's study or reading.

The reading room has had an attendance of about 475 per day, showing that this branch of the work is much appreciated. By a careful count we find that more than one-half of the young men who enter the rooms daily are members,—the others are largely strangers in the city.

Several magazines and papers have been added to our files, aud our tables now present a fine assortment of reading matter.

Your Committee are happy to report a steady increase in the number of volumes taken from the library during the year, and in the number of readers. During the season of the Educational classes there is a large demand for books upon the various subjects studied, a greater demand than we have been able to supply. It would be a great boon to the students if a number of technical works could be placed on our shelves. One, and a most cheering feature of the library work has been the great number of boys who make use of its privileges. There must be more than 150 readers of this class. The question of reading matter for boys is a most important one, and if, through this Association, we can successfully cater to their needs, it will not only do a good work directly, but will indirectly raise up a large number of friends for its future support.

Number of readers for the year	659
Number of books now in Library	2802

The Record of Books drawn each month is as follows :—

May	393	September	425	January	649
June	422	October	535	February	650
July	353	November	568	March	830
August	371	December	663	April	244
					6103

SETH P. LEET,
Chairman.

EXECUTIVE.

The Executive Committee has held sixteen meetings during the past year.

Our late Assistant Secretary, Mr. Stevens, left us in September last, to take the position of Secretary of the Peterboro' Association, and we are glad to hear he is doing successful work there. Your Committee secured Mr. D. W. Corbett as his successor and assistant to Mr. Budge, and his six months' service has proved him an efficient and acceptable worker for young men.

The thirty-sixth anniversary was held in Erskine Church, twenty-sixth January last, and was addressed by Rev. F. H. Marling, and Hon. S. H. Blake, of Toronto. The large and enthusiastic gathering is an index of the increased interest which our work for young men is producing in the minds of the Christian public of this city.

At one of Mr. Moody's meetings in October last, a special collection was taken to send a teacher to Japan. Mr. A. W. Beall, B.A., has been secured, and he will sail via Vancouver, B.C., on July 31st.

We are glad to report that all the employees in the various branches of our work co-operate heartily with each other, and that there is an active spirit of holy consecration in many of our young men, which must result in attracting other young men into the service and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

D. BENTLEY,
Chairman.

THE LECTURES AND CLASSES.

The Lecture course extended from October, 1887, until March, 1888, and comprised nine Lectures :—

October 25th,	"The Worlds around us."	Mr. Walter H. Smith.
November 8th,	"The Young Business Man's Leisure hours—How to employ them,"	Mr. James W. Mills.
" 22nd,	"The Temptations of the Times as they appeal to young men."	Rev. A. B. Mackay.
" 29th,	"How we are governed,"	Mr. Seth P. Leet, B. C. L.
December 6th,	"Electricity—with illustrations."	Mr. Fred Thomson.
" 20th,	"The value of systematic Exercise."	Mr. W. A. Doig.
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Februray 14th,	"Our Eyes ; their use and abuse."	Dr. Stirling.
" 28th,	"Alcoholic Liquors, and diseases incident to their use."	Dr. Gurd.
March 12th,	"Physical Reverence."	Dr. Cameron.

Evening Educational Classes were opened in October in the following branches :

		MEMBERS ENROLLED.
English Speech and Composition	Mr. L. R. Gregor.	27
French,—elementary		48
French—advanced		29
Book-keeping	Mr. Alex. Thomson.	54
Commercial Arithmetic		61
Mechanical Drawing		25
Penmanship		52
Phonography	Mr. Robt. McNab.	58
Vocal Music	Mr. Fred. Meyers.	17
	Total entries.	371

The English Composition Class was closed in January.

A series of examinations was, however, held at the end of the season, and testimonials and certificates of merit accorded those obtaining a high percentage of the marks in the irrespective subjects. Special prizes were also bestowed by the Instructors.

CHARLES CUSHING,
Chairman.

COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

SOCIAL RELIGIOUS MEETINGS.

YOUNG MEN'S MEETING.

The interest and attendance has shown increase—the average being 95 for the year. The subjects presented have all been well chosen and ably treated by our chairmen. A feature worthy of notice is the fact that several of those who led our meetings acted as chairmen for the first time. This has become the great training school for future work in the Association.

The meeting on Christmas eve was one long to be remembered. The subject was "Past, Present and Future." The addresses of Messrs. Packard, Putnam and Meyers were most appropriate, and must have created a strong impression.

The personal work at the close of the meeting is the special need, and the names of those who make this enquiry are immediately forwarded to the pastors.

A young man who received one of our printed invitations at an hotel recently, came to the meeting, and at the close stated in conversation that the meeting was a revelation to him. To see a company of young men so interested in the study of God's Word, and able so readily to turn from one portion of Scripture to another, was something he could scarcely understand, and in parting he expressed his intention to look more seriously into these things for himself.

The point to be secured is the attendance of the Associate Members, as thisl meeting is specially for them. This has been overtaken in some measure by persona visitation by committee men ; but it should be done so that every associate would be visited.

GEORGE S. RORKE,
Chairman.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

The efforts of this Committee to carry on a successful work among the "juniors" of our Association have been abundantly blessed and owned of God.

The attendance during the winter months has averaged over one hundred. The majority of the boys attending are converted. Over thirty profess to have entered upon the Christian life at our Friday evening gatherings. Each member brings his own Bible, and it is a glad sight to see the manly little fellows turning its leaves to chapter and verse and taking part in the topic of the evening.

Apart from the regular work of the "Boy's Branch" the features of the year has been the opening of a Branch in December last, at 3225 St. Catherine street, Cote St. Antoine, where the interest and attendance has steadily increased from 7 to 45. In April last, this Branch held a social in Cote St. Antoine Academy, over which the Mayor, Mr. Thos. Patton, presided. The hall was packed with the most lively and interesting crowd of boys that ever assembled within its walls. Twenty-five dollars towards the new building fund was one of the results. The *Savings Bank* is also a new and important feature in our work. During the winter a very successful *Snow-Shoe Club* was carried on among the boys, who enjoyed the sport immensely. Fifty dollars worth of prizes were donated and distributed at the close of the season to successful competitors.

A missionary spirit prevails among our lads. Every month the General Hospital is visited by them, and boys loaded with magazines and picture books for the little ones and other good things, make a tour of the wards, also helping in the Sunday morning service for nurses and patients. Last year $5 was voted to the Indian boys' school at Sault Ste. Marie, and this year the Montreal Boys' Home receives a contribution and a sum of money voted towerds the new building.

The Scripture Union has also increased in membership, over 1100 having joined during the year. This part of the work is under the management of Mr. C. H. Anderson. During the past year we have lost two of our boys, called away by the Master to the great meeting above ; both died trusting in Jesus. Mr. Harold W. Buchanan, our late chairman, removed to New York to work among the boys there. We take this opportunity to thank our friends for the beautiful large crayon drawing of Mr. Buchanan which hangs in the boys' room.

Five socials and a picnic were given during the year in connection with our meetings, the boys themselves largely contributing. Thanks are due to the ladies for their kind help on these occasions, and to Mr. D. W. Ross for the use of his home for the Branch meetings.

During the winter a special training class under the leadership of Mr. George C. Wells has been held for the Christian lads, meeting on Monday evenings in the boys' room to study God's Word. This has been the secret of our success.

JOSEPH GAWNE,
Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP.

This Committee have much pleasure in reporting that 430 young men have joined the Association during the past year, which shows an increase of 170 over the year ending May, 1887. When we consider that these young men have joined the Association of their own accord, without canvassing, it gives an idea of the growing popularity of the work. Had we had sufficient room to receive all the applicants for the winter classes, this number would have been largely increased ; as it was, a large number had to be turned away. Of the 430 members added, 118 were enrolled as active, and 312 as associate.

There have been 196 names taken from the Roll, caused by removals to other cities, deaths, withdrawals, etc.

The Roll at present stands as follows :—

Active	626	
Associate	554	
Life	28	
Honorary	48	
		1256
STANDING LAST YEAR.		
Active	553	
Associate	393	
Life	28	
Honorary	48	
		1022
Net increase for 1888		234

THOS. W. BURDON,
Chairman.

SOCIAL WORK.

Upon this Committee devolves the development in a great measure of the social element amongst old and new members. For this purpose a musical and literary programme is arranged for, and rendered each month in the parlor.

The Committee have great pleasure in acknowledging the help of the ladies of the following Churches, who kindly provided and served refreshments after the programme :—American Presbyterian, Dominion Square Methodist, Erskine Presbyterian, Stanley Street Presbyterian, Mountain Street Methodist, Knox Presbyterian, and Emmanuel Congregational. Perhaps the most important feature of this regular monthly meeting is the address by the ministers of the different churches.

The parlors were tastefully decorated on New Year's day, and refreshments served to callers. In the evening a most enjoyable entertainment was given, the place being thronged with friends of the young men and sympathizers in their work.

G. F. GODDARD,
Chairman.

EMPLOYMENT WORK.

There have been 655 applications for employment during the past year, or an average of 244 over the year ending May, 1887. Of these, 183 secured employment directly through the efforts of the Bureau, besides many others were counselled and advised. We have been as careful as possible in looking out for good men to recommend for vacancies. To enable us to do this, we have an enquiry blank which we send to applicants' previous employers, and the answer generally enables us to act intelligently.

We consider that this is one of the most useful methods in the Association work for personally reaching young men. We first of all endeavor to secure them employment and win their confidence. When they see you are interested in their worldly affairs they will generally attend the meetings when asked. Quite a number have been won for the Master through this medium, some of whom are engaged in active work of the Association. One of the pleasing features in the department is the general satisfaction these men have given their employers.

We have always a number of efficient men on hand, and we shall be pleased to have the continued co-operation of the business men of this city on their behalf.

The following statement shows the work accomplished during the past year :

		SITUATIONS FILLED.											
	Applications for Employment.	Clerks.	Book-keepers.	Collectors.	Salesmen.	Trades.	Stenographers.	Coachmen.	Storemen.	Telegraph Operators.	Surveyors.	Miscellaneous.	TOTAL.
May	43	2				4						7	13
June	47	6	1		1	3	2			1		3	17
July	51	4	1			1	1	1			1		9
August	50	2				3						3	8
September	34	0	3									3	6
October	53	11				8			2			4	25
November	96	4				7						6	17
December	71	11	2		1	3		1	1	1		1	21
January	52	7		1	2	1		1	4				16
February	50	4			2	7			2	1		4	20
March	44	1	1	2		3		4	1			3	15
April	64	7	2			5			2				16
	655	59	10	3	6	54	3	7	12	3	1	34	183

D. W. CORBETT,
Assist. Sec'y.

EVANGELISTIC BIBLE CLASS.

The Committee of the Evangelistic Bible Class which is held every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, have much pleasure in reporting that the past year has been one of marked advancement. At no time has this class shown its usefulness more than during the past six or eight months.

The average attendance has increased from 59 to 85. During the winter months it has been especially good, often reaching above 100. This we consider due to the fact that all are doing personal work in bringing others. The Class is composed mostly of young men from 18 to 35 years of age.

The lessons which have been so attractive were from the Old Testament. One lesson in January, and one in April on *Social Purity* have been followed by very gratifying results.

Although this class is mainly Evangelistic, the lessons are so applied that it is a grand training class for teachers and others who intend taking up Christian work. Some have left us during the past year to become Sunday-School teachers.

A pleasant feature in connection with the past year's work was a social re-union held in April. About 200 were present.

True spiritual work is being done in this Class. Every Sunday one or more are brought to a kowledge of sin, and led to shelter their lives more fully under the shadow of the Rock Christ Jesus.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. John Lomax, who has during the entire year presided at the organ, and rendered cheerful assistance in the service of song.

The following extracts from letters received testify to benefits derived:

"I have been greatly benefited and blessed by attending the Class this winter. It has given me a deeper interest in Bible study than I had before....This Class has been very helpful to me in my Christian life, and I desire to thank the Lord for it."

"It has given me a desire for a greater knowledge of God's Word, which I hope this year to strengthen by making time to read and study more of the Bible. It has cheered me throngh the week and been a great help to me in business...I have been influenced by the leader to lay by a portion of my earnings each week, in which I find great joy in doing...It was through the means of this Class that my conversion occurred some few years ago."

"I have often gone to the Class very much discouraged, but have left it in a very different spirit, caused by the encouraging remarks. One thing I am thankful for is that I am learning more of Christ."

T. DUNCAN PATTON,
Chairman.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS.

Early last fall our leader, Mr. Stevens, was called to the Secretaryship of Peterboro' Association. The committee in looking for a successor decided upon Mr. Meyers,—this busiest of men in the Master's vineyard,—who did not hesitate to accept the position. He has now been with us for over seven months and we have

been wonderfully blessed, as he has opened to us the Epistle to the Hebrews. Owing to press of work, both temporal and spiritual, Mr. Meyers has had to resign. We are indeed sorry to lose him as our leader ; but he will still continue to be with us as his health and work permits. Mr. Corbett, assistant secretary, having accepted the position, we ask for him the hearty co-operation of all who can attend the class.

We still continue our praise and service for 20 minutes before the lesson, which is a great help to all, especially to those who have just commenced the Christian life.

We cannot say what the results of this class are ; but we know that those who are constantly confessing Christ and are diligent students of God's Word must bring forth fruit. It may be growth in grace, love for souls, or more consecration to Christ's service.

J. WILSON,
Chairman.

INVITATION.

This work shows its value to the Association in the following points :—

First—It is the means through the Invitations distributed on the street corners and hotels of bringing in numbers of young men to our meetings, and many by God's grace have here found Salvation. We may here mention one case which has come prominent before us during the past year. A young man passing along the street on Saturday evening received an invitation to our young men's meeting with the following question on it : "Where will you spend eternity ?" As he walked along some distance he could find no rest, as he could not answer the question, and finally resolved to come to the meeting, during which he was convicted of sin and remained at the close, enquiring the way of life. The next Sunday morning at the Bible Class he gave the above testimony, and he is now engaged in Christian work in the east end of the city.

The work of the committee is divided into different sections. *First.*—The distribution of invitations for the young men's meeting on Saturday evening ; *second*—the distribution of invitations for the young men's Bible Class Sunday afternoon. The number of Invitations distributed for the foregoing sections was about 50,000. The *third* section of our work is to keep the "take-one-boxes" that have been placed in the principal hotels and railroad waiting rooms full of tracts, the "Association Record," Invitation cards of our meetings, etc. We hope that through this means these Gospel messages may be a blessing to many souls. We are just organizing a *fourth* branch of this work, which is to keep a Register of all the Protestant young men in the principal commercial and manufacturing houses of the city, and we hope to bring the advantages of the Association before them either by mail or a personal call.

The Committee considered during the year the necessity of having a framed card, with all the meetings of the Association, placed in the hotels and principal steamboats, and hope soon to see this accomplished.

S. MUIRHEAD,
Chairman.

RECEPTION.

Since September, through the influence of this Committee 47 young men have been asked to become members. Twenty-eight have joined the Association, 138 have been invited to attend the regular meetings, 25 have been spoken to in reference to their soul's welfare, and 15 have been welcomed from other Associations. During the Moody meetings your committee had charge of the ushering, and were on hand every evening, and often three times a day, and this without neglecting the Association work, required no small amount of self-denial. A number of games have been added to the parlor attractions which have been much appreciated.

The duties of members of the committee are as follows .—

To be at the rooms from 7.30 to 10 p.m. daily, to receive the young men coming in (especially if they are strangers) giving them a word of welcome, and a hearty shake of the hand, showing them through the building, introducing them to the secretaries and members, and in doing all they can to make them feel at home, not neglecting (if opportunity should occur) to speak a word for the Master.

ALEX. ARTHUR,
Chairman.

STRANGERS' TEA.

A new feature of our Association work is the Strangers' Tea which was started in the beginning of March, and takes place every Sunday afternoon. The object of the meeting is to welcome the young men who come as strangers to the city, to provide them with Christian fellowship, and to introduce them to some church in the city.

The average attendance for

	Committee.	Strangers.	Total.
March	11	13	24
April	11	15	26
May	10	26	36

The strangers meet shortly before five, and a few hymns are sung, after which tea is served, the members of the committee attending to the wants of the guests. While sitting at the table, each one in turn introduces himself by telling his name, where he comes from, what church he belongs to, and how long he has been in the city. After tea an adjournment is made to the parlor, where more hymns are sung, and one of the Directors, after reading a portion of Scripture, gives a short, earnest, Christian talk, with some warm words of welcome and encouragement for the strangers. The meeting is then thrown open for a short time, and any one is at liberty to say a few words, give out a hymn, etc. The members of the committee who represent all the various denominations afterwards bring the visitors to their respective churches, and see that they are introduced to the pastor.

The interest in the meeting has been very marked, and even during the short time it has been held, we have been greatly encouraged by the testimony of many, as to the help and encouragement received at the time of loneliness, when it is most needed and thoroughly appreciated.

J. S. HETHERINGTON,
Chairman.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

During the past few months an effort has been made to create amongst the commercial travellers in this city an interest in this Association, and its work throughout the Dominion. The Committee regret that the work is not far enough advanced to be enabled to give a very satisfactory report, but we are glad to say already we have seen fruits of the work, and hope during the coming year that this department will be got into successful working order.

THOS. R. FLINT,
Chairman.

TRACT DISTRIBUTION AMONG SAILORS.

This work commenced the second Sunday in May, meeting in the Sailors' Institute at 7.45 a.m. each Sunday morning, and continued to the end of November. The field of labor extends from Windmill Point to Hochelaga, under a band of from 14 to 17 workers, each worker having a section under his charge ; the attendance throughout the summer being very good. The results from this service are difficult to estimate, other than the opportunity it gives for sowing the seed, and with personal contact with so large a class of men, in the ministry of the Gospel.

WILLIAM LAW,
Chairman.

"EXCELSIOR" SNOW SHOE CLUB.

It must be admitted that while a Christian ought always to be busy in the cause of his Divine Master, yet young men with healthy bodies and active minds need activity and recreation. But a wise selection of a field of activity and healthy amusement, instead of making him less efficient and sincere in his Christian duty, should make him all the better fitted for it, and it is therefore of the greatest importance that such means of physical culture and amusement should be chosen as will help to improve mind and body.

Those of our members who tramped on Snow-shoes over the mountain will testify that they were invigorated by the exercise. We met every Friday evening during the winter, at the corner of Sherbrooke and Peel streets, and tramped to the Athletic Club House, where we spent an hour, entertaining each other with song and recitation, or with games of the nature of Foot-ball. Such exercise and enjoyment with congenial companions is natural, desirable and proper for young men with healthy constitutions, and we feel that the Y. M. C. A. are doing a wise thing when they encourage the members in gymnastics and out-door manly sports. Looking hopefully to the prospects of having a fully equipped gymnasium, we feel assured that the possession of suitable athletic grounds also would be of very great value to the young men, and to the best interests of the Association.

GEO. W. JONES,
Chairman.

AN ACT

to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Young Men's Christian Association of the City of Montreal.

Assented to June, 1888.

WHEREAS the Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal, incorporated by the act 34 Vict., chap. 59, and amended by the acts 36 Vict., chap. 63, and 48 Vict., chap. 49, has by its petition represented that it has purchased from the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, Canada Sunday School Union, and Religious Tract Society, all the rights and privileges secured to them by the said acts in its present building and property, and that the said institution fulfils the objects of its foundation and has greatly extended its operations ; so that it has become necessary to remove from the premises now occupied by it to more central and larger premises, and to establish branches in different parts of the city of Montreal and suburbs, and in order to better define its powers and remove all doubts as to the same, it is expedient to amend and consolidate the act incorporating it, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition ; Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature at Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal has been and shall continue to be a body corporate and politic under said name.

2. The object of the said corporation has been, is, and shall be the improvement of the spiritual, mental, social and physical condition of young men, by the maintenance of libraries, reading rooms, lectures, classes, social and religious services, and such other means as may promote this object.

3. The affairs, work, and property of the corporation shall be administered and managed by a board of twenty-one directors, who shall be elected and hold office for three years, or until their successors are elected, one third of whom shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election.

The board shall be chosen from the active members of the corporation, and not more than one-third shall belong to any one denomination.

The present members of the board of directors shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

4. All property now owned by, or which may be acquired by purchase, gift, devise or bequest or any other title shall be held in the corporate name of the said corporation ; but the immoveable property shall not be sold, hypothecated, or otherwise alienated or charged, unless it be consented to by a majority of the active membership present at a meeting specially called for that purpose, fourteen days' notice thereof having been given, by two insertions in each of one morning and one evening daily paper published in the city of Montreal, and also with the consent of three-fourths of the directors, such consent to be recorded in the minute book of the Association.

5. The said corporation may acquire, hold and use for its work and objects any property by any title, and may sell, alienate, hypothecate, pledge, exchange or lease it or any part thereof, but it shall not own real estate except that in actual use by the corporation, of an annual value of more than ten thousand dollars for more than five years at any one time.

6. The deed of sale and agreement entered into by the said corporation, and the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society, Canada Sunday School Union, and Religious Tract Society, and executed before Charles Cushing, N.P., on the 29th day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, is hereby ratified and confirmed, and declared good and valid ; and the said corporation is hereby declared to be the sole owner and proprietor of the property known as lot official number 1063 of the official plan and book of reference of St. Antoine Ward in the city of Montreal and the building thereon erected, with full power to deal therewith, subject only to the hypothec in favor of the said Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society as therein set forth.

7. The said corporation may make and adopt such constitution, by-laws and rules as it may deem expedient for the conduct of its affairs and the guidance of its officers as are not contrary to this act or charter, or to law.

Section 1., Article 1. of by-laws as now existing shall not be altered or repealed, in so far as it provides that only members in good standing of some Protestant evangelical church in the city of Montreal have the right to vote and hold office in the Association.

The present constitution and by-laws of said corporation, except such portions as are inconsistent with this act, shall remain in force until changed or repealed thereunder.

8. All the provisions the acts 34 Vict., chap. 59, 36 Vict. chap. 63 and 48 Vict., chap. 49, which are inconsistent with, or contrary to this act are hereby repealed and all portions of the constitution and by-laws of the said corporation as have been passed in virtue of such repealed provisions are hereby repealed.

9. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this Society shall be " The Young Men's Christian Association " of Montreal.

ARTICLE II.—BASIS.

SECTION I.—This Association seeks to unite those young men, who, regarding Jesus Christ as their God and Saviour according to the Holy Scriptures, desire to be His disciples in their doctrine and their life, and to associate their efforts for the extension of His kingdom amongst young men.

SECTION II.—This Association adopts as the basis of all its proceedings those fundamental principles of Evangelical Christianity on which all orthodox Protestant Churches are agreed, and will never admit any intermeddling with those matters of faith and polity on which such Churches differ.

ARTICLE III—OBJECT.

The object of this Association shall be the improvement of the spiritual, mental, social and physical condition of young men, by ways and means hereafter designated.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERS.

SECTION I.—The members of this Association must be young men, at least fourteen years of age, and shall be classed as follows : Active, Associate, Sustaining, Life and Honorary Members.

ARTICLE V.—REAL ESTATE.

The real estate or immovable property of the Association, as well as all funds of the Association, from whatsoever source derived, shall be held in its corporate name, and be managed and administered by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI.—OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—The Officers of this Association shall consist of a Board of Twenty-one Directors, not more than one-third of whom shall be members of any one denomination, and they shall elect a President, a Vice-President, a Treasurer, and a Recording Secretary from among themselves, as hereafter provided.

SECTION II.—The general objects of the Association shall be carried out under the management of the Board of Directors.

SECTION III.—The Board of Directors shall have power to make and adopt Rules and By-Laws for their government, not inconsistent with the Act of Incorporation or this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—COMMITTEES.

There shall be Committees of the Association appointed to carry forward its work, and Committees of the Board appointed to supervise the business affairs of the association. Special Committees may be appointed when ordered by the Association or the Board. The Board of Directors shall define the duties of these Committees, and the President shall nominate them, subject to appointment by the Board. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of all Committees.

ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution can only be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds (⅔) of the Active Members present at any stated meeting of the Association, provided such amendments shall have been previously approved of by the Board of Directors, and have been proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Association three (3) months previous to action thereupon.

In arranging a separate Department for Boys' Work, it was found necessary to make some changes in the By-Laws. As a Committee of the Board of Directors, we submit the following amended By-Laws for the consideration and final action of the Association at their meeting on Tuesday Evening, Nov. 20th, 1888.

SETH P. LEET,
DAVID BENTLEY, } *Committee.*
CHARLES CUSHING,

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal.

ARTICLE I.—MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION I.—Any young man, fourteen (14) years of age and over, who is a member, in good standing, of an Evangelical Church in this city, may become an Active member, on payment of two (2) dollars per annum, in advance. Active members alone shall have the right to vote and hold office. Active menbers may be elected at any regular monthly business meeting of the Association, provided a written application has been made to the Membership Committee, which has been approved of and recommended by them. Five negative votes shall defeat any applicant.

SECTION II.—Any young man fourteen (14) years of age and over, of good moral character, may become an Associate Member on payment of two (2) dollars per annum, in advance. Either the General Secretary, or in his absence the Assistant Secretary, may admit persons to Associate or Sustaining Membership, upon presentation of satisfactory evidence to such officers that the applicant is a person of good moral character.

SECTION III.—Any young man of good moral character may become a Sustaining Member by the payment in advance of five (5) dollars per annum. An Associate or Sustaining Member who shall unite with an Evangelical Church, becomes thereby an Active Member, due notice having been given to the Secretary.

SECTION IV.—Life Members may be constituted by the payment of one hundred (100) dollars at any one time, subject to the qualifications and restrictions named in Article I, Section .

SECTION V.—Honorary Members may be proposed at any regular meeting subject to the same qualifications and restrictions as Active and Life Members.

SECTION VI.—Membership years shall commence on the first day of the month succeeding the election or admission of the member. The fiscal year of the Association shall commence May 1st.

SECTION VII.—Any member in arrears three (3) months for annual dues may be debarred all the privileges of membership, at the discretion of the Board.

SECTION VIII.—The members of this Association shall seek out young men, resident or strangers, in Montreal or its vicinity, and endeavor to bring them under moral and religious influences, introduce them to the members and privileges of the Association ; secure their attendance at some place of worship on the Sabbath, and by personal effort try to win them for Christ. They shall labor to induce all suitable young men to join the Association and seek to increase its activity and usefulness.

ARTICLE II.—ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION. I.—The Annual Meeting shall be held in the month of May,—one month's notice shall be given of the date thereof. At this meeting there shall be chosen by ballot from the members of the Association, seven, (7) Directors who shall hold office for three (3) years. The Board of Directors, through the Committee of Vacancies, shall submit a nomination of seven (7) Directors to replace those retiring, at least one month before the date of election, and other nominations from the Association may be received at the annual meeting. Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Board from among eligible members of the Association.

SECTION II.—The Board of Directors at their first meeting succeeding the Annual Election shall elect by ballot one of their number to be President, one to be Vice-President, one to be Recording Secretary, and one to be Treasurer of the Board of the Association ; said Officers shall hold office for one (1) year, or until their successors are appointed. There shall also be appointed a General Secretary, and such other employés as may be needed.

SECTION III.—The Board of Directors shall have power to elect nine (9) Advisory Directors who shall be members in good standing of Protestant Evangelical Churches, not more than one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) from any one denomination. They shall be notified of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall have the right to attend and participate in the discussion of all matters brought before the Board, but shall not be entitled to vote. Such Directors, when elected, shall be divided into three classes, which shall hold office respectively, one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. Upon the expiration of such terms respectively, the successors of those whose terms of office expire shall be elected by the Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years.

ARTICLE III.—MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

SECTION I.—The stated meetings of the Board shall be held on the second Monday evening of each month. Seven (7) shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II.—The following shall be the order of business :—1.—Devotional Exercises ; 2—Reading minutes ; 3—Unfinished Business ; 4—Treasurer's report ; 5—Reports of Standing Committees ; 6—Report of General Secretary ; 7—Reports of Special Committees ; 8—New business.

SECTION. III.—Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President, or he shall call the same at the request of three (3) Directors. The object of the special meeting shall be stated in the notices, and no other business shall be transacted except that for which the call is issued.

SECTION IV.—If any member of the Board shall absent himself from three consecutive monthly meetings of the Board, his place shall be deemed vacant, unless his absence shall be excused by the Board, and the vacancy may be filled after notice is given to such absentee. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to call the attention of the Board to all cases requiring action under this rule.

SECTION V.—In order to preserve the representative character of the Board any member changing his denominational connection shall be deemed to have resigned, and the vacancy so created shall be filled as hereinbefore provided.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

SECTION I.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He shall nominate all Standing Committees, subject to appointment by the Board, to consist of not less than three (3) members each, and announce the same to the Board at the next

regular meeting after his election. He shall, under direction of the Board, sign all leases and other contracts of the Association. He shall be an *ex officio* member of all Standing Committees of the Board and of the Association.

SECTION II.—The Vice-President shall, in the absence of the President, have all the powers and perform all the duties of President. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, a Chairman shall be appointed from among the Board.

SECTION III.—The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board. He shall receive and file the written reports of the various Committees made to the Board.

SECTION IV.—The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Association. He shall present to the Board at each regular meeting a Monthly Report, and at the Annual Meeting in May in each year, an Annual Report of his accounts and of the funds of the Association. He shall pay all the demands against the Association, upon vouchers properly certified by the Finance Committee. He shall be a member of the Finance Committee.

SECTION V.—The General Secretary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors, and shall have charge and control of the general work of the Association ; shall conduct all the correspondence thereof, and revise all printed matter issued thereby. He shall attend the meetings of the Board and the Committees of the Board, but shall not have the right to vote, be *ex officio* a member of the Committees of the Association, and shall attend their meetings. All other employés shall be under his supervision.

SECTION VI.—The Board of Directors shall have the general supervision and control of the work and policy or the Association in all its details. All Secretaries and employés of any kind are to be employed and controlled solely by the Board of Directors.

SECTION VII.—If any Societies, or Organizations of any kind, are formed within the Association, or under its auspices, the Board of Directors shall be *ex officio* members thereof, and shall control the same as in their judgment may be necessary.

ARTICLE VI.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION I.—The Standing Committees of the Board shall be designated as follows :—1. The Executive Committee. 2. The Finance Committee. 3. The Rooms and Library Committee. 4. The Lecture and Classes Committee. 5. The Committee on vacancies. 6. The Visiting Committee for the rooms. 7. The Committee on Branches. 8. The Boys' Department.

SECTION II.—The several Committees shall keep minutes of their proceedings, and shall read the same as their reports to the Board at each regular meeting. No Committee shall contract any indebtedness without previous appropriation of the Board therefor.

SECTION III.—The Executive Committee shall have all the power of the Board of Directors, except that they shall not use any money of the Association, unless previously appropriated to them by the Board ; nor shall they have the power to reconsider or reserve any action of the Board had at any previous meeting. They shall meet at least fortnightly. They shall consider and mature plans for the general work of the Association, and confer and advise with the various Committees of the Association. They shall have the direction of the paid agents of the Association.

SECTION IV.—The Finance Committee shall have charge of the financial affairs of the Association. At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, they shall submit a budget in writing, giving the estimates for the ensuing year. All bills, before payment by the Treasurer, shall be certified by the proper officers, and approved of by the Committee. They shall meet at least once a month for the examination of accounts and other business. They shall submit a Monthly Statement to the board of directors.

SECTION V.—The Rooms and Library Committee shall have charge of all rooms and departments of the Association, and shall establish such rules and regulations for the policy thereof as shall in their discretion seem best. They shall provide for the increase, preservation, and arrangement of the Library and reading matter in the

rooms, and for the purchase of, repairs to, and restoration of the furniture. No publication shall be admitted to the Library and Reading-room, unless approved of by them.

SECTION VI.—The Lecture and Classes Committee shall, subject to the approval of the Board, provide for the delivery of lectures. They shall have charge of the educational classes of the Association, shall employ teachers, and make rules and regulations for the same. They shall visit the classes from time to time, and keep themselves fully informed.

SECTION VII.—Committee on Vacancies.—Vacancies occurring in the Board of Directors during the year, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled as follows :—Nominations shall be made at the regular meeting of the Board, and shall be referred to the Committee on Vacancies, to report at the next regular meeting of the Board. On such a report, an election by ballot shall take place to fill the unexpired term. The Committee shall not recommend for election any person until they have ascertained, by personal enquiry of the nominee, that he is ready and willing to perform the duties of a Director. The Committee on Vacancies, at the meeting next preceding the Annual Election of the Association, shall report the names of persons to fill the places of those Directors whose terms of office expired by law. The names thus reported when approved by the Board, shall be submitted to the Association for ballot at the ensuing regular election.

SECTION VIII.—The Visiting Committee for the Rooms shall consist of all the members of the Board of Directors, exclusive of the President. Two members shall be named for each month of the year, July and August excepted. The Secretary shall furnish each Director with a list of appointments for the year, and any Director may furnish a substitute from among his fellow-Directors by exchange or otherwise. The Visiting Committee for the Rooms each month shall, as the official representatives of the Board, be present at the regular monthly meeting of the Association, and the religious meetings held at the rooms. They shall acquaint themselves with the religious conditions of the Association, and the working of each of the Committees, and shall report the same to the Board in writing.

ARTICLE VII.—BRANCHES.

The Board of Directors shall at such time and place as they may think advisable, establish and maintain branches, and shall discontinue the same at any time they may think best. These branches shall be under the entire control of the Board of Directors, under such regulations as the Board may from time to time adopt. The branches shall not contract any indebtedness except by authority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII.—RULES FOR THE ROOMS.

SECTION. I.—The Rooms of the Association shall be opened every week-day from 8.30 a.m. to 10 o'clock p.m., and on the Sabbath during hours of religious service held in the Building.

ARTICLE IX.—MEETINGS.

SECTION I.—There shall be a meeting of the Association on the third Tuesday evening of each month, except in the months of July and August, when they may be omitted if the Board of Directors so direct, for the election of members, other than Associate, for the promotion of social and Christian fellowship, for the presentation of reports by the Association Committee, and such other exercises or business as may be provided by the Board of Directors. Order of exercises :—1. Devotional. 2. Reading minutes of previous meeting. 3. Proposition and election of members. 4. Reports of committees. 5. Such other exercises as may be provided for. 6. Adjournment.

SECTION II.—A Public Anniversary Meeting of the Association shall be held annually, the date thereof to be fixed by the Board.

SECTION III.—At all the meetings of the Association, fifteen active members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION IV.—Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President at the written request of ten active members, or by order of the Board of Directors, notice being given in at least one daily paper.

SECTION V.—All meetings of the Association shall be opened by reading the Scripture and Prayer. No essays, or motion, of a sectarian or political character, shall be entertained by the Association, nor shall any denominational or political reference be made in any meeting of the Association or Board.

ARTICLE X.—BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

SECTION I.—The management of the Boys' Department shall be vested in a Committee to be nominated by the President, and appointed by the Board of Directors. The President also shall name the Chairman.

SECTION II.—MEMBERSHIP.—Any boy between the age of twelve (12) and eighteen (18) may become an Associate member of the Boys' Department upon furnishing satisfactory references as to character, amd paying to the Treasurer of the Association the sum of one dollar per annum in advance. If the applicant is a member in good standing of a Protestant Evangelical Church, his name may be submitted to the Committee of Membership of the Association for election to Active Membership in the department. Only Active Members shall be eligible to appointment on the Managing Committee.

SECTION III.—At the first meeting of this Committee they shall elect a Secretary and appoint the following sub-Committees : the Religious Meetings Committee ; the Invitation Committee ; the Reception and Entertainment Committee ; the Branch Meetings Committee ; the Literary Committee ; the Outing Committee, and with the consent of the Board of Directors such other sub-Committees as may be deemed necessary.

SECTION IV.—This Committee shall see that no expenses are incurred by this department in excess of any appropriation which shall be made by the Board of Directors, and shall see that no funds are solicited for the department without the approval of the Board.

SECTION V.—The Committee shall have power to make and enforce rules for the conduct of members and visitors to their Rooms, and may suspend any member of the department, who, in their judgment is a detriment to the department.

SECTION. VI—This Committee shall present a written Report at each monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, and shall present an Annual Report immediately after May 1st.

SECTION VII.—The President and the General Secretary of the Association shall be members *ex officio* of all Committees of the Department.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE BOYS' DEPARTMENT entitles to the use of Boys' Room, when opened, the Circulating Library and Literature, attendance at the Boys' Entertainment and Lectures, participation in the Snow-Shoe Club, outings, and other sports.

ARTICLE XI.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION I.—The Standing Committees of the Association shall consist of not less than three members each, the chairman and members of which shall be nominated by the President of the Association on consultation with the General Secretary. The Committees shall be announced at the regular meeting of the Association following the annual election.

1.—Religious Meetings Committee ; 2.—Missions Committee ; 3.—Membership Committee; 4.—Employment Committee; 5.—Reception Committee; 6.—Invitation Committee ; 7.—Boarding House Committee ; 8.—Literary and Social Work Committee; 9.—Committee on Visiting Sick Young Men ; 10.—Strangers' Tea Committee.

SECTION II.—The Religious Meetings Committee shall have charge of all the regular religious meetings carried on in the Building, and shall aid the General Secretary in the religious work. This Committee may be divided into sub-committees in carrying out the object of its appointment.

SECTION III.—The Mission Committee shall have charge of all the religious meetings held outside the Building, except the work amongst the railway men. The meetings shall be held for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to lost men, and for urging its acceptance upon its hearers.

SECTION IV.—The Membership Committee shall devise ways and means to increase the membership of the Association, and shall receive all applications for active

and life membership; and after examination as to the character of each applicant shall report to the Association the names of those who are eligible for election. They shall have charge of the membership list, and shall use every effort to introduce new members to churches of their choice.

SECTION V.—The Employment Committee shall aid young men in obtaining employment. They shall secure information concerning applicants from former employers and keep the same on file. They shall give full information to employers in relation to young men whom they may introduce.

SECTION VI.—The Reception Committee shall arrange for at least one member on duty each evening of the week, who shall aid in making the rooms pleasant and attractive to members and strangers. At the close of each evening family prayers shall be conducted under the direction of the Committee. This Committee shall arrange for the ushers at the various public meetings and receptions.

SECTION VII.—The Invitation Committee shall devise and execute plans for bringing young men under the influence of the Association, and securing their presence at the religious meetings by personal solicitation, and distributing notices in the hotels and on the streets.

SECTION VIII.—The Boarding House Committee shall keep a register of respectable and well kept boarding houses. They shall visit as far as possible these boarding houses, and invite the young men to attend the Association. This list shall be revised once every six months.

SECTION IX.—The Literary and Social Work Committee shall provide the programme for the regular monthly meetings of the Association, and arrange for such other Social Receptions as may be ordered by the Association. They will make provision for a course of Literary meetings or Reading Circle for the mutual improvement of the members of the Association.

SECTION X.—The Strangers Tea Committee will provide for a Social Tea to be served on Sunday evenings, to which stranger young men in the city will be invited, and afterwards introduced to the City Churches of their choice.

SECTION XI.—The Committee on Visiting Sick Young Men shall attend promptly to all calls upon them, and seek to cheer and aid them during sickness. When necessary they shall also provide "watchers" to sit up during the night.

SECTION XII.—All the Committees of the Association are appointed for the purpose of aiding in the work of more effectively reaching and saving young men. If any Committee stands in the way of accomplishing these objects, the Board shall disband such Committee. If any member or members of a Committee are hindering its usefulness the President shall have power to remove him or them from such Committee.

SECTION XIII.—All Committees shall notify the General Secretary of their meetings.

SECTION XIV.—It shall be the imperative duty of all the Committees of the Association to organize immediately after their appointment, elect a Secretary, and keep correct minutes of all their proceedings, to decide what stated meetings they will hold during the year.

SECTION XV.—It shall also be the duty of all Committees of the Association to report in writing to the Association once a month. The Board shall have the right to call for a report from any of the Committees at any time.

ARTICLE XII.—DISCIPLINE.

No person shall hold any office or position of trust in this Association who shall cease to profess and practice the fundamental doctrines of Evangelical Christianity, and the Board of Directors shall have full power to investigate any questions of the doctrines or conduct of any officer or member of the Association, and upon a two-third (⅔) vote of the Board such officer or member may be removed from office or membership.

ARTICLE XIII.—AMENDMENTS.

SECTION I.—These By-Laws may be amended by a two-third (⅔) vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association, notice having been given at a previous regular meeting of the proposed amendment.

SECTION II.—Any By-Law may be suspended by a two-third (⅔) vote of the members present at any regular business meeting.